



# Minor Bay Lodge & Outposts

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## GENERAL INFORMATION, SCHEDULE & LODGE POLICIES

**Travel Schedule:** Minor Bay Lodge's charter flights are scheduled to depart at 6:00 AM from the Transwest Air charter terminal located adjacent to the main Saskatoon airport on each turnaround day during our operating season.

Guests must arrive in Saskatoon the day prior to our charter flight departures. Northwest Airlines has two daily flights to Saskatoon from Minneapolis with arrivals at about 1:00 pm and 10:20 pm.

A representative of Minor Bay Lodge will meet you just outside the customs area at the Saskatoon International Airport. To expedite an on-time departure, we request that our guests pack a small overnight bag to take with them to the Saskatoon Inn, our preferred hotel, and leave the rest of their luggage with the Minor Bay expeditor so he / she may deliver the baggage to the charter terminal so it can be weighed and loaded on the aircraft well in advance of the departure time. The Saskatoon Inn has an airport shuttle which can be called on the hotel phone bank, located near the baggage carousels outside the customs area.

Minor Bay's representative will meet you in the lobby of the Saskatoon Inn at 5:30 AM to provide transportation to the charter terminal.

**Due to the logistics of providing transportation from the airport hotel to the charter terminal, guests that opt to stay at a hotel other than the Saskatoon Inn are responsible for providing their own transportation between the airport and hotel upon their arrival in Saskatoon, and the hotel and charter terminal the morning of the charter flight to the lodge.**

**Baggage Limits:** Due to stringent Transport Canada regulations regarding aircraft capacities and weight allowances, our air charter company has set a baggage allowance (including carry-on, rod tubes, and tackle boxes) of **50 lbs per person** for guests travelling to our main lodge and **60 lbs per person for our outpost guests**. Please adhere to these weight limits. In the event that your baggage exceeds these limits you may be required to leave some of your gear behind

**Hotels:** We have room blocks set aside for our guests at the Saskatoon Inn, which is located adjacent to the airport. The Minor Bay Lodge will make hotel reservations for you.

- **Saskatoon Inn:** 2002 Airport Drive, Saskatoon, SK, S7L 6M4. Ph: 306-242-1440 Fax: 306-244-2779

**Travel Documents:** As of January, 2007, Canadian Customs & Immigration, along with U.S Customs and Immigration, have made it mandatory that non-residents of Canada who are flying into Canada have a **valid passport**. Customs & Immigration will accept a **Birth Certificate or a Voters Certificate in combination with a picture ID, such as a Driver's License** for our guests who will be driving to Saskatoon.

**N.B.** If you are a parent (or other relative) travelling with a minor, but without the minor's other parent you must have a written "Letter of Permission" from the absent parent acknowledging that you are travelling alone with the child with their knowledge and permission. The letter should name the child, the purpose, duration and destination of your visit to Canada. It is suggested that this letter be notarized.

### Customs & Immigration Regulations

You are allowed to bring the following into Canada duty-free:

- 40 oz of liquor or 24 (12 oz) bottles or cans of beer
- 200 cigarettes (1 carton), plus;
  - 50 cigars, plus;      - 200 grams of tobacco, plus;      - 200 tobacco sticks
- Gifts with a total value of not more than U.S. \$45.00

**Restricted weapons such as handguns, compact crossbows and switchblades are prohibited entry into Canada and to attempt to bring these items across the border will result in confiscation and arrest.**

**Travel Insurance:** Minor Bay Lodge & Outposts highly recommends that its guests purchase travel insurance through the Sportsman's Travel Insurance Plan as deposits and balances towards their trip are non-refundable. Sportsman's Travel Insurance offers coverage against cancellation, trip delays, equipment delays and medical emergencies.

## WHAT TO EXPECT AT MINOR BAY LODGE

**Weather:** The weather is quite variable in the north, but the following are typical temperatures at Minor Bay Lodge

- **Early June:** Morning & Evening Lows: Low to mid 30's to high 40's  
Daytime Highs: Mid 50's to high 60's
- **Mid-Summer:** Morning & Evening Lows: Mid 40's to low 60's  
Daytime Highs: Mid 60's to high 80's or even low 90's
- **Late August:** Morning & Evening Lows: Low to mid 30's to high 40's  
Daytime Highs: Mid 50's to high 60's

### **Schedule:**

- **Day of Arrival:**
  - Arrive at Points North Landing at about 8:00 - 8:30 am
  - Arrive at Minor Bay's main camp at about 10:00 am (after a 35 - 40 minute bus ride)
  - Go immediately into the main lodge for a hearty breakfast and a brief guest orientation session. Your cabin & guide assignments and fishing licenses will be issued at this time.
  - After breakfast, depart with your guide for a full day's fishing including an evening shore supper.
- **In Camp:**
  - **6:30 am** - Cabins are equipped with coffee makers, but if you prefer another beverage your guide will deliver your choice of: hot tea, hot chocolate or fruit juice to your cabin.
  - **7:00 am** - A hearty guest breakfast in the main lodge
  - **8:00 am** - Depart with your guide for a full day of fishing, including shore lunch
  - **5:30 pm** - Arrive back at Minor Bay Lodge
  - **6:00 pm** - "Happy Hour" in the guest lounge with hors d'oeuvres and fish stories
  - **7:00 pm** - Guest dinner in the main lodge
  - **11:00 pm** - Lounge & lodge close for the evening
- **Day of Departure:**
  - Breakfast will be at 6:30 AM on the day of departure to ensure the departing guests arrive in Saskatoon with sufficient time to connect to their commercial flights
  - After breakfast depart Minor Bay Lodge by bus to Points North Landing.
  - Please pack your bags the evening before your day of departure and place them just inside the front door of your cabin prior to coming to the lodge for breakfast. The guides will load your bags on the bus while you are eating breakfast.
  - **7:15 am** - depart Minor Bay Lodge for Points North Landing
  - **9:00 - 9:30 am** - Depart Points North southbound to Saskatoon
  - **11:00 am - 12:00 noon** - Arrive at the Saskatoon International Airport
  - **2:00 pm** - Depart Saskatoon on Northwest Airlines for Minneapolis & points beyond

**Communications:** Minor Bay Lodge has regular telephone service. A telephone is located on the lodge's front porch and is available for guest use. The telephone can be used to make collect or credit card calls. The phone/fax numbers at the lodge are: Phone: (306) 633-4900 Fax: (306) 633-5707.

**Drink Coolers:** In your cabin you will find one cooler for every two guests. The coolers are marked with your cabin number. When you come to the lodge for breakfast each morning please take your cooler to the store, where our storekeeper will supply you with beer, soft drinks, etc., as required. These beverages will be added to your tab. After you return from fishing each day, your guide will drop your cooler off at your cabin. At the end of your trip, please return

your cooler to your cabin. We will credit you for any unused cans of pop, beer or bottled water, etc. when returned to the tackle shop prior to clearing your final bill.

**Catch & Release Policy:** In order to preserve the quality of the fishing we have instituted a catch-and-release policy. Quite simply stated all fish must be released, other than small fish kept for shore lunch. Northern pike under 30", lake trout under 26" and walleye under 21" may be kept for shore lunch purposes. All Arctic Grayling must be released.

**Daily Fly-outs:** A floatplane is available for our guests to take fly-out trips to one of our many lakes that are reserved for the exclusive use of Minor Bay's guests. Fly-out rates start at U.S. \$350.00 per person based on 4 guests per trip. Rates vary according to the distance from the main lodge to the fly-out destination.

**Evening Fishing:** At Minor Bay Lodge we don't charge guests for the use of the boats, motors and gas if they want to fish in the evening. However, due to the nature of the lake, it is a camp policy that a guide must accompany the guests on any evening fishing excursion. Guides do this on a voluntary basis, as evening fishing is after their regular working hours. A tip of U.S. \$30 - \$50 per boat is customary for evening fishing. When fishing with their guests in the evening, subject to guest approval, the guides will normally fish with their guests.

**Smoking:** Saskatchewan has recently passed a statute which bans smoking in all indoor public venues. Therefore smoking is not allowed in the lodge. Guests can smoke cigarettes or cigars on the screened porch of the lodge. We request that guests refrain from smoking cigars in the cabins.

**Store & Tackle Shop:** Our store stocks recommended tackle, souvenirs, confectionary items, tobacco products (including Cuban cigars), sunscreen, insect repellent, basic toiletries, remedies and other assorted items that our guests may require.

**Medical Facilities:** There is a nursing station at Wollaston Post, on the east side of the lake. This nursing station is well equipped and professionally staffed to handle medical emergencies. The Wollaston nursing station can also arrange an air ambulance in extreme emergencies.

**Fly-fishing:** There will be a few ORVIS fly-rod outfits available to our guests that are interested in trying fly-fishing, but don't have the equipment. Most of our guides are ORVIS Endorsed, which means that they have attended an ORVIS guide school and have been instructed on how to teach the basics of fly-fishing to our guests.

**Rental Equipment:** Minor Bay has several open-faced spinning and bait casting outfits that guests may rent in the event that they have equipment problems or if they don't have suitable tackle to angle for our "Monster Pike".

**Staff & Guide Gratuities:** One of the most frequently asked questions by our guests is "What is an appropriate tip for our guide and the staff that looked after us during our stay?" It is our belief at Minor Bay Lodge that a gratuity is a reward for service. Gratuities should reflect your level of satisfaction (or dissatisfaction) with the service you received during your stay with us at Minor Bay Lodge. Guide gratuities are normally given directly to your guide, while the staff tips should be given to the lodge manager, as they are pooled among the entire shore staff.

The amount of a gratuity that you give is ultimately a personal decision, but the following suggested range for guide and staff gratuities is a guideline based on receiving a normal, but not an exceptional level of service. This guideline is intended to give you some basis by which to make your decision regarding staff and guide gratuities.

- Guides: U.S. \$75.00 - \$100.00 per boat per day (Optional evening fishing U.S. \$30.00 - \$50.00 per boat)
- Shore staff: U.S. \$25.00 per guest per day.

**Canadian Laws, Liquor & Staff:** To ensure that you have an enjoyable visit to Minor Bay Lodge we would like to provide you with the following information regarding Canadian Laws and Minor Bay Lodge's policies.

At Minor Bay Lodge we don't have a "dry camp" policy pertaining to our staff as do many remote Canadian lodges. However, to ensure that you, our valued guests, have as enjoyable an experience as possible during your stay with us we have instituted some rules and limits that apply to the staff & guides. We would greatly appreciate your co-operation in abiding by our camp policies, as they are designed to maximize our guests' safety and enjoyment.

**1) In Canada it is illegal to consume alcoholic beverages of any type in a boat, whether you are operating the boat, or merely a passenger. The Wollaston Lake RCMP detachment is enforcing these rules, and if they discover alcoholic beverages in your boat or at a shore lunch location you will be subject to a criminal charge and a fine.**

**It is a lodge policy that none of our staff is allowed to consume alcoholic beverages while they are working – this is especially true in the case of the guides as they are responsible for their guests' safety and comfort. Therefore, to ensure you have the best possible trip, we would appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Guides who do not adhere to this policy will be terminated immediately.**

2) Staff and guides are allowed to join the guests in the lounge between the hours of 8:30 pm and 10:30 pm, once they have completed their day's work. We have instituted a three (3) drink daily limit for all staff, including guides. The day starts very early (5:00 am) for the lodge staff and only slightly later for the guides. In the north every day is a work day - there are no Sundays or holidays. These policies have been put in place to make sure the staff and guides are well rested, in good humour and ready, willing and able to provide our guests with the best possible service day-in and day-out.

We hope this information will prove useful to you when planning your trip to Minor Bay Lodge. If there are any questions that you may have that are not addressed by our literature, please don't hesitate to call our office.

We look forward to hosting you at Minor Bay Lodge this summer!

Sincerely,

Bev and Randy Duvell

